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THE
Emperour's Concessions
TO HIS
Protestant Subjects
OF
HUNGARY,

As they were sent from VIENNA in Latin,
and are now Translated out of the
Original Copy, as follows.

The most Gracious Resolution of His Sacred Imperial Majesty, our most benign Lord, in the Matters of Religion; obtained by the Mediation of His Excellency the Palatin of Hungary, the Eighth of this present Month of October, 1681. Exhibited by the Vice-Palatin to the Noble and Magnificent Lord, representing the Royal Person, and to all the Illustrious States and Orders of the Realm, in the State-house of that Kingdom: Viz.

I. **T**Hat all and singular the States and Orders within that Kingdom, whether they be Peers, or Gentlemen, or Free Cities, and Privileg'd Towns, that immediately relate to the Crown, shall remain in their Faith and Religion.

II. That all the *Hungarian* Soldiers that inhabit on the Frontiers of the Kingdom shall enjoy the same Freedom of Religion.

III. That not only the aforesaid Liberty in Religion shall be granted to them, but also the free Use and Exercise thereof; saving to the several Lords of the Soil their Rights and Properties.

IV. That

IV. That it shall not be lawful for either Party hereafter to remove or expel the Ministers of the Church, for Religion, in such Places where the Exercise of their Religion is practised.

V. That there shall be no more Seizures of Churches.

VI. That those Churches which, in the time of the late Troubles, from 1670. till now, have been seized, shall remain to the present Possessors.

VII. That in every County those of the *Augustan* Confession, and all such as are comprehended under that Name, shall have liberty to build a Church for the Exercise of their Religion, if there be none there already.

VIII. That if they have any Churches there already, they shall be left to them, together with the Revenues thereunto belonging.

IX. That it shall be lawful for the Peers and Gentlemen in the said Counties to erect and endow Chappels, or Places of Worship for the Exercise of their Religion, within their respective Castles.

X. That all things contained in the First Article of the Pacification at *Vienna* shall be in force.

XI. That in all Parts of the Kingdom of *Hungary* belonging to the Emperour, the Catholicks shall have the free Use and Exercise of their Religion.

XII. That particularly those of *Pofnia* that are of the *Augustan* Confession shall have power to build one Church, in a convenient Place to be appointed for that purpose: Also that those of the City of *Sopronia* shall remain undisturbed in the Possession of the Exercise of their Religion which they now enjoy.

XIII. That the Grievances which hereafter arise in Matters of Religion, shall not be determined by force of Arms, but by the King only, after he hath heard both Parties: And that the Eighth Article of the Sixth Decree of King *Ladislaus* shall be revived and observed.

XIV. That all the Inhabitants of the Kingdom, of what Rank, Order, or Degree soever, shall abstain from reviling and reproaching each others Religion, or the Professors thereof, upon pain of incurring His Majesties highest Displeasure.

Letters which came by the same Post with the foregoing Concessions, add, That the Diet at Odenburg were then upon the point of restoring the Goods and Estates which had been taken from the Malecontents, and to make Satisfaction for Damages sustained by them: And that there was no doubt but the Grand Affair of Religion being adjusted, this and other Points would soon be determined. Also that the Peace between the Emperor and the Grand Seignior would be continued Ten Years longer. So that it was hoped that His Imperial Majesty, together with the States of Hungary, and the Princes and States of the Empire, would speedily unite against the French, whom they now look upon as the Common Enemy of Christendom, rather than the Turk.